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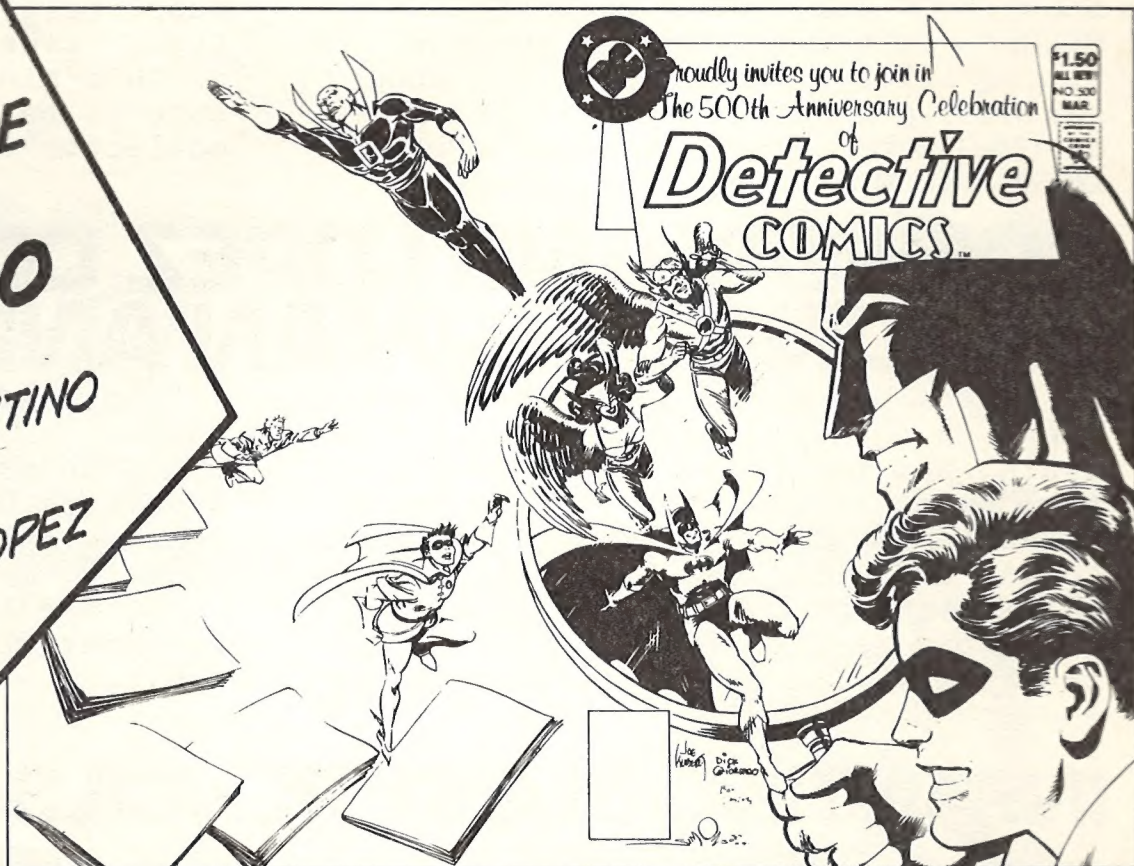
DETECTIVE COMICS, the original home of The Batman, reaches issue #500 this month and editor Paul Levitz has an all-star line-up of writers and artists combining their talents to produce a collector's classic for the occasion! This 80-page magazine, with a cover price of \$1.50, features a wraparound cover combining the talents of all the artists whose work appears inside the book, including such masters of the field as Dick Giordano, Walt Simonson, Jim Aparo, Joe Kubert, Carmine Infantino, Jose Luis Garcia Lopez, Bob Smith and Tom Yeates. The writers are no less famous, with stories by Shadow creator Walter (Maxwell Grant) Gibson, Len Wein, Cary Bates, TV-writer Alan Brennert, Mike W. Barr and Levitz himself.

Giordano illustrates "To Kill a Legend", from a script by Brennert. Simonson provides the art for a Len Wein script: "Once Upon a Time", while Jim Aparo does the art chores on Wein's "The Too Many Crooks Caper", a story which features many of the detectives who have had regular series in DETECTIVE COMICS' long history. Featured in this unique tale are Slam Bradley, Roy Raymond, Pow Wow Smith, the Human Target, Captain Compass and Mysto the Magician.

Joe Kubert is back on the art on one of the feature's super-heroes loved most when he first did it. Kubert illustrates "The Strange Death of Dr. Erdei", in which Hawkman investigates the demise of the scientist who brought J'onn J'onzz, Manhunter From Mars, (another

IN PROGRESS--
A SPECIAL MONTAGE
COVER FOR
DETECTIVE #500

by
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DETECTIVE alumnus) to Earth. Paul Levitz provided the script.

Carmine Infantino, whose work will be appearing regularly in DC comics in coming months, joins forces with writer Cary Bates and inker Bob Smith for a bizarre team-up of The Batman, Robin and Deadman: "What Happens When a Batman Dies?" Lopez is the artist on Mike W. Barr's story, "The Final Mystery of Edgar Allan Poe", which stars another long-time 'TEC detective,

The Elongated Man.

And rounding out the issue is a text story, starring The Batman, written by Walter Gibson (better known as Maxwell Grant, creator of The Shadow) and illustrated by Tom Yeates.

This is an issue that readers and collectors will want to keep for years to come, one that will stand as a landmark to parallel as DETECTIVE COMICS begins its second 500 issues next month!

DIAL "H" FOR HERO DEBUTS IN ADVENTURE COMICS!

DC's newest feature, Dial "H" For Hero, which readers got a sneak preview of in last month's LEGION OF SUPER-HEROES, premieres as a full-length series in ADVENTURE COMICS #479 when the issues goes on sale the week of December 22nd.

Dial "H", which features heroes and villains created by DC readers, is being scripted by Marv Wolfman and

illustrated by Carmine Infantino and Dennis Jensen. Each issue will star different heroes and each reader whose contribution is used receives a Dial "H" t-shirt. This promises to be one of DC's most exciting features and readers can learn the full details of how to get their creations into contention by picking up ADVENTURE COMICS #479.

SECRETS OF THE LEGION MINISERIES CONCLUDES!

The biggest news in origins is SECRETS OF THE LEGION OF SUPER-HEROES #3, the concluding chapter in the trilogy which tells all about the most popular super-hero group of the 30th century. Readers will learn the most startling secret of

all in this E. Nelson Bridwell/ Paul Kupperberg / Jimmy Janes collaboration. Like the two previous issues of this miniseries, this one is sure to be an instant hit...and a collector's item classic!

CONWAY AND LOPEZ COLLABORATE ON SUPERMAN AND ROBIN!

Superman and The Batman have been known as the World's Finest team for years. Now the third member of the team joins forces with the Man of Steel in DC COMICS PRESENTS #31. Gerry Conway and Jose Luis Garcia Lopez collaborate on a team-up of Superman and Robin as they find themselves in the center ring at "The Deadliest Show on Earth!"

And this issue's "Whatever Happened to...?" file opens on the original Robotman as Bob Rozakis, Alex Saviuk and Vince Colletta investigate the twenty-year absence of the first metallic marvel.

DCCP #31 goes on sale the week of December 8th. And speaking of team-ups...

INFANTINO GUEST-PENCILS BRAVE & BOLD!

Carmine Infantino fills in for Jim Aparo in BRAVE & BOLD #172, which features "Darkness and Dark Fire", a tale in which The Batman joins forces with Firestorm, by Gerry Conway.

And the back-up in the issue,

which goes on sale the week of December 22nd, is another installment in the crime-fighting adventures of Nemesis by Cary Burkett and Dan Spiegle.

STARLIN AND WIACEK ON FIRESTORM!

Filling in for George Perez for Firestorm's three-issue mini-saga in THE FLASH is Jim Starlin, whose pencils are inked by Bob Wiacek.

"Rain, Rain, Go Away..." by Gerry Conway sends the Nuclear Man to the South Pacific to battle treachery

on the high seas as well as a typhoon.

And in the lead spot, The Flash battles super-gorillas in "In Grodd We Trust" by Cary Bates and Don Heck. THE FLASH #295 goes on sale the week of December 8th.

"I, VAMPIRE" DEBUTS IN HOUSE OF MYSTERY!

HOUSE OF MYSTERY #290 features the debut of a new and mysterious star as J.M. DeMatteis and Tom Sutton combine their talents on "I, Vampire", the first of an exciting and superbly il-

lustrated feature. This issue, which goes on sale the week of December 22nd, features two more mystery thrillers, with art by Rubeny and Ernie Chan.

INSIDE ITEMS

MYSTERY IN SPACE #117 features a variety of artistic and writing talents, including J.M. DeMatteis, Carmine Infantino and Jerry Ordway on "Lazarus Fire"; "Steve Ringgenberg, Curt Swan and Murphy Anderson on "D-Day For Earth"; Bruce Jones and Tom Sutton on "A Little Knowledge"; and Mike W. Barr, George Tuska and Dennis Jensen on "Cyborg". Plus: a cover by Joe Kubert!

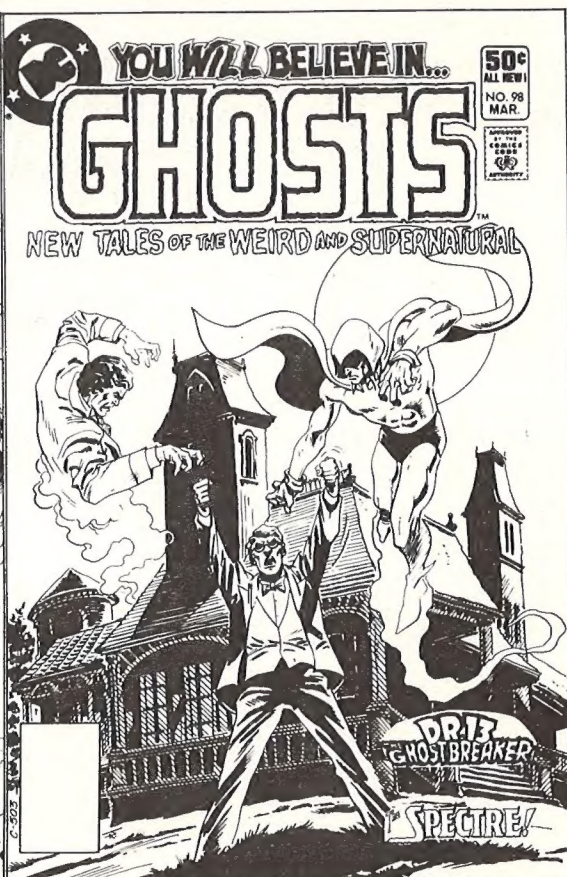
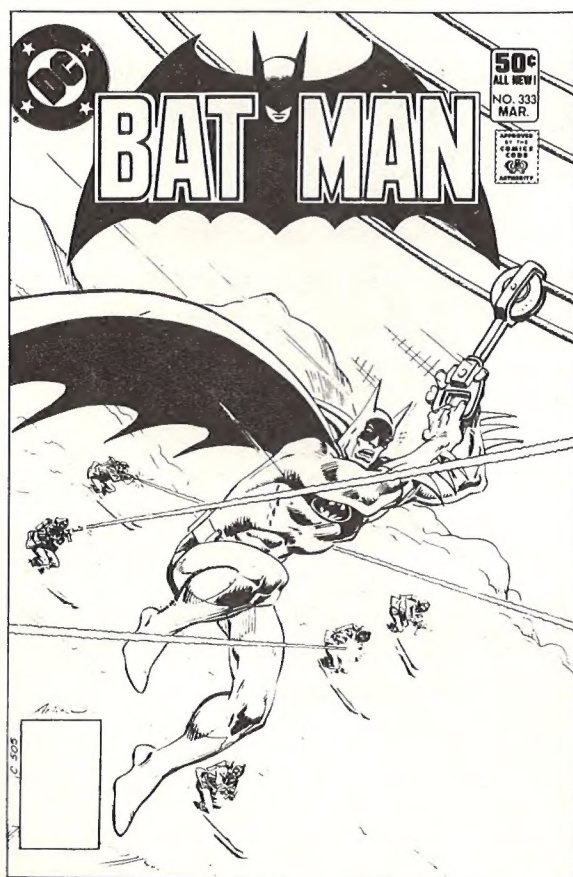
UNKNOWN SOLDIER #249 presents the concluding chapter in the origin of the Faceless Warrior by Bob Haney, Dick Ayers and Gerry Talaoc. Plus: The issue features the first new Mademoiselle Marie solo tales in 20 years by Robert Kanigher, Ayers and Romeo Tanghal.

Speaking of origins, the origin

of Raven, one of THE NEW TEEN TITANS, is recapped in #5 of their magazine as Curt Swan guest pencils a tale by writer Marv Wolfman and inker Romeo Tanghal.

JUSTICE LEAGUE #188 features a pair of stories by a pair of pencilers with Gerry Conway and Frank McLaughlin providing scripts and inks for both. "The Metamorph War", pencilled by Don Heck, pits the JLAers against the old enemy of the Creeper, Proteus, while "Miracle at 22,300 Miles" is a special holiday tale pencilled by Rich Buckler.

Aquaman swims into action...and ACTION COMICS with #517. Scripted by J.M. DeMatteis and with art by Don Heck, the story features the King of the Sea against his greatest foe, his



brother! And also in the issue, Superman is sent by Gerry Conway, Curt Swan and Frank Chiaramonte to fight "The War For Peace!"

In his own magazine, Superman is battling the alien hero Vartox to determine which of them will become "Food For a God" in a tale by Cary Bates, Swan and Chiaramonte. Plus: SUPERMAN #357 also features another installment in the adventures of Superman's grandson in Superman 2020: "The Troublemaker of New Metropolis!"

In THE NEW ADVENTURES OF SUPERBOY #15, a new series debuts in the back-up spot: Strange Encounters of the First Time. This series presents tales of historic meetings between Superboy and people who will later be important in his life and leading off is "Superboy Meets Clark Kent" by Bob Rozakis, John Calnan and Tex Blaisdell. Plus: Cary Bates, Kurt Schaffenberger and Dave Hunt are the team on the lead story as Superboy is offered "A New Life For the Orphan From Krypton".

A Brazilian super-heroine, the Green Fury, joins forces with the Super Friends to battle Green Thumb and answer the question "How Green Was My Gotham?" in SUPER FRIENDS #42. E. Nelson Bridwell and Romeo Tanghal provide the story and art on this as well as "A Christmas With Everything", a Wonder Twins solo tale.

WONDER WOMAN battles Kobra in #277 of her magazine as the master villain delivers "The Kobra Ultimatum" in a story by Gerry Conway, Jose Delbo and Dave Hunt. Plus: Paul Levitz, Joe Staton and Steve Mitchell combine forces as The Huntress goes back into solo action.

And Green Lantern returns from

the future to face a final showdown with Eclipso in a story by Marv Wolfman and Staton in GREEN LANTERN #138. Plus: Adam Strange is on hand for "Alanna's New York Adventure" by Laurie Sutton and Rodin Rodriguez.

Batman is joined by Talia and Robin joins forces with Catwoman in a pair of tales in BATMAN #333. Marv Wolfman scripts both with art on "The China Syndrome" by Irv Novick and Frank McLaughlin. Don Newton is the penciller on the Robin/Catwoman tale, "Shanghaied!"

WARLORD #43 has Travis Morgan going "Berserk" when he discovers his wife Tara has been taken prisoner. Mike Grell and Bob Smith are the team on this feature. Plus: Omac battle the Vanquisher in a story by Dan Mishkin, Gary Cohn and Greg LaRocque.

WEIRD WAR TALES #97 features a new Creature Commandos tale by J.M. DeMatteis and Fred Carrillo, plus a double-length tale, "The Master Infiltrator" by Bob Rozakis and Dan Spiggle.

SECRETS OF HAUNTED HOUSE #34 stars Mister E against a modern-day Frankenstein monster by Rozakis and Spiggle plus two more chillers. Doctor Thirteen again confronts The Spectre in the doctor's ancient family home in "The Haunted House and the Spectre" by Paul Kupperberg, Mike Adams and Tex Blaisdell. (Plus three more supernatural stories.) And Johnny Peril seeks the secret of the Seven Stars in UNEXPECTED #208 in the "Factory of Fear" by Mike W. Barr and Jack Sparling. (Plus: "Where Have You Gone, Solid Citizen?" by Elliot S! Maggin and Murphy Anderson and another thriller.)

Finally, Jonah Hex finds that married life isn't simple in JONAH HEX #46. Michael Fleisher provides the script and Dick Ayers and Tony DeZuniga are the art team.

SHIPPING INFORMATION

SHIPPING NOVEMBER 18th FOR RELEASE THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 8th

DC SPECIAL DIGEST #7 (SGT. ROCK)	THE FLASH #295 JONAH HEX #46	SUPERMAN #357 WONDER WOMAN #277
BEST OF DC DIGEST #10 (SECRET ORIGINS)	JUSTICE LEAGUE #188 WEIRD WAR TALES #97	THE NEW TEEN TITANS #5 SECRETS OF THE LEGION #3
DC COMICS PRESENTS #31 BATMAN #333	GHOSTS #98 SECRETS OF HAUNTED HOUSE #34	G.I. COMBAT #227 SUPERMAN FAMILY #206

SHIPPING DECEMBER 2nd FOR RELEASE THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 22nd

SGT. ROCK #350 NEW ADVENTURES OF SUPERBOY #15 LEGION OF SUPER-HEROES #273 BRAVE & BOLD #172 HOUSE OF MYSTERY #290	SUPER FRIENDS #42 GREEN LANTERN #138 UNKNOWN SOLDIER #249 WARLORD #43 ACTION COMICS #517	UNEXPECTED #208 DETECTIVE COMICS #500 MYSTERY IN SPACE #117 ADVENTURE COMICS/ DIAL "H" FOR HERO #479
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